Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Trichur District Kerala

2848. PROF. (SMT) SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand telephone exchange in Trichur district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of their expansions; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be expanded?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Departments of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th five year plan (1992-97) for telecom development and it is envisaged to :-

- provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas.

- Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years at large telephone systems.

Accordingly expansion programmes are being drawn for Trichur district of Kerala in order to fulfil the above objective buy the end of the 8th plan period.

During 1991-92, 13 Nos of exchanges are proposed to be expanded resulting in addition of gross switching capacity of 4200 lines in this district.

[Translation]

S.T.D. Facility in Cities of Barabanki District, U.P.

2849. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number and the details of telephone exchanges in cities and towns etc. in district of Barabanki in Uttar Pradesh proposed to be linked with STD facility during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): None Sir.

[English]

Montreal Conference for Aged

2850. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the stand taken by the Government in the 1982 and 1990 Montreal Conference of the Aged conducted by the United Nations Organisation;

(b) whether the details of 1982 recommendations and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government of India have any plan to associate M.Ps and voluntary organisations in the implementations of the 1982 and 1990 recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The Government of India is aware of the recommendations of the World Assembly on aging held in Vienna in 1982. These recommendations are abroad guidelines to be considered for implementation by different countries keeping in view their requirements and economic status. The subject of aging comes under the purview of the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.